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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF PEACE CORPS PROGRAM - PRESS
GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR NOV. 15 NOON PRESS
BRIEFING ON IF ASKED ONLY BASIS:

Q. WHAT ABOUT THIS STORY THAT THE PEACE CORPS HAS BEEN
ASKED TO LEAVE PERU?

A. YES. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN LIMA WAS INFORMED BY THE
PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT IN A NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 4 THAT THE
PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WISHED TO TERMINATE PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS
IN PERU WITHIN THE 90 DAYS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BILATERAL
AGREEMENT OF 1962. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW BEING
WITHDRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERUVIAN REQUEST.

Q. WHAT REASON DID THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT GIVE FOR THIS
ACTION?

A. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE NO REASON, BUT IT DID
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THANK THE PEACE CORPS FOR THE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION IT

HAD RENDERED.

Q. HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES THIS INVOLVE?

A. 137 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND A SMALL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF 4 AMERICANS.

Q. WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS WERE THEY INVOLVED IN?

A. PRIMARILY IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS. MORE THAN 3,500 VOLUNTEERS HAVE SERVED IN PERU SINCE 1962. TWO VOLUNTEERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKE OF 1970.

Q. IS THERE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS STORY AND ALLEGATIONS REGARDING CIA AGENTS IN PERU? I NOTE THAT THEY WERE TREATED IN THE SAME WASHINGTON POST STORY.

A. THERE'S NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER.

2. BRIEFING WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE LATER IN DAY. KISSINGER

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